

MINUTES OF  
YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING  
October 1, 2008  
Auditorium

**Attendees:**

Sarah Smith  
Kendall Kyritz  
Alicia Sillars  
Holly Kelly  
Geoff Ball  
Jo-Anne Sawitsky  
Meghan Moore  
Annie McGuire  
Den Ritchie  
Christine Wood  
Lynn Strother

The minutes from the September meeting were approved at 7:45.

**Jo-Anne Sawitsky** is introduced as the newest adult member. She explains her previous and currently involvement in both Darien High School, where she is the librarian, and with Middlesex Middle School, where she helps out with tops events.

**Kick-off to the C.A.R.E. Campaign:**

- It was very hot!
- Unbelievable turnout...150 people came.
- Duane Lovello, Steve Faloone, and Evonne Klein all spoke.
- 35 people came to the movie, To Kill a Mockingbird
- People were appreciative of the presentation and thanked Alicia
- Gave away C.A.R.E. campaign stickers.

**Tops:**

- Eight Grade
  - o Beach Party, on 9/12 from 6:30-8:00 was rained in but the kids still had fun. 243 kids came.
  - o Upcoming: Oldies Night
- Sixth Grade
  - o Upcoming event is bowling
- Seventh Grade
  - o Afternoon at the movies: showing High School Musical 3: Senior Year

**Community Movie:**

- Discussed Madagascar: Trip to Africa on the Friday before Thanksgiving

- But possibly decided on showing Bolt on November 12, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

**Holiday Movie: November 21<sup>st</sup>:**

- Decided on a split showing, so one theater will show Madagascar: Trip to Africa, and the other will show High School Musical 3: Senior Year.

**Halloween Window Painting Contest**

- To be held 10/18
- Volunteers sign up

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Upcoming Tops Event:**

- Night before the Tokeneke Pumpkin Fair Fun Night → worried if the rides are appropriate for this age range.
- Money is also an issue for the inflatables

**Parent Awareness:**

- Royle will be hosting "Raising Healthy Children in a Toxic World"
- Micheal Nerney on October 21 will be talking to High School Parents.
- On October 13 Roni Cohen-Sandler will host the presentation "Getting the School Year off to the Right Start"
- Ginger Katz whose son died of an overdose will be holding parent workshops.

**New Candidates:**

- Kathleen Kelly and Jared Kindy are both "nice kids" and were both voted in to be the new freshman youth commission members.

**Playground By the Sound ... Updates:**

- Weed beach building committee has already exceeded the budget, and they have not even broken ground yet.
- The plan is currently on hold.
- For now part of the park can proceed, and the committed hopes to start in October to peruse the completion of the park.
- Fundraiser in November → party at the nature center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kendall Kyritz